

Otis R. Bowen papers

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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Dr. Otis R. Bowen was born on February 26, 1918 near Leiters Ford, Indiana. He was educated in the public education system of Fulton County in Indiana. He received both his A.B. and M.D. degrees from Indiana University. He married Elizabeth "Beth" Ann Steinmann in 1939 and they had four children. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Correspond during World War II and left the army with the rank of Captain.

In 1952, Dr. Bowen entered the world of politics with his election as the coroner of Marshall County. He also served as a Republican in the Indiana House of Representatives for fourteen years. In 1972, Dr. Otis R. Bowen was elected as the 42nd Governor of Indiana. In 1976, he was reelected governor and became the first Indiana governor to serve eight consecutive years. In January 1981, just as his term was ending, his wife, Beth passed away after a long battle with illness.

Following the end of his governorship, Dr. Bowen took over as head of a family practice at the Indiana University Medical School. In the Fall of 1981, he married Rose Hochstetler. In 1985, Bowen was appointed to President Reagan's cabinet as the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. In 1989, Dr. Bowen retired to Bremen, Indiana with his wife, Rose, who died in 1992. He married Carol Hahn in 1992. He died on May 4, 2013 in Donaldson, Indiana and is buried in the Bremen Municipal Cemetery.

Information taken from finding aid for Otis R. Bowen, photographs and updated by Edythe Huffman, 03/19/2014

"Bowen, Otis R.". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2014/03/19. <http://www.findagrave.com>

"Bowen, Otis R.". Political Graveyard: Index to Politicians. Retrieved 2014/03/19. <http://politicalgraveyard.com>

"Bowen, Otis R.". U.S. Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection. Retrieved 2014/03/19. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes an inauguration program and cocktail napkin from the State of Indiana in Indianapolis, Indiana on 1977/01/10 regarding Gov. Otis R. Bowen's inauguration.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged alphabetically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Inauguration